

\*\*\*\*\*January 13, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6:05 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Vice Mayor Amy Speak  
Councilmember Cheryl Graham  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the November 25, 2019 meeting were presented. Councilmember Lusk requested one change to the minutes. The correction is on page 2, second paragraph so that the correction reads: "...The motion to approve the Resolution was passed with Mayor Landrum, Vice Mayor Speak, Councilmember Graham and Councilmember Murdock being in favor, and with Councilmember Lusk opposed." All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the December 9, 2019 meeting were presented. There was a minor correction in the spelling of a name that did not affect the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Reed Hampton, Mountain Brook Circle, said he is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who is requesting lighting for the bus stop at the corner of Mountain Brook Circle and Ridgerock Drive. He said cars don't stop at the stop sign and he and his friends have almost been hit by cars. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, said he is already looking into the matter.

Leesa Holliday, Mountain Brook Circle, agreed that traffic is an issue, but is opposed to a street light.

Mary Hudson, James Boulevard, said while the Town uses e-mail blasts, Facebook and YouTube, people are still not aware of Town issues. She said there needs to be more citizen vigilance and there needs to be a better way to notify people.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, said the Hemlock Task Force is still active and fighting the wooly adelgid by treating trees in public spaces. She said the Task Force is willing to provide advice to individual residents who are interested in treating their trees.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, AND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND, FOR THE COMPLETION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO INSTALL NEW WINDOWS IN THE AUDITORIUM/THEATRE OF THE FORMER SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

The Council was presented with a choice of two agreements between the Town of Signal Mountain and the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF). Councilmember Murdock made a motion to move forward with the agreement that did not require a \$20,000.00 advance from SMEPF. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the above agreement. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

### **Discussion**

- a. Vicious Dog Ordinance. Mr. Veal presented the Council with a draft of an amendment of Title 10, Chapter 2 regarding dogs and cats. He said this ordinance encompasses all the concerns of the Council and residents with the exception of requiring spaying or neutering. Councilmember Lusk asked that the language in Section 10-209, paragraph 3 (a) (iv.) be clarified as to whether a dog that is killed is property.
- b. Liaison Assignments. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that Boards and Committees previously assigned to Dr. Spalding need to be re-assigned. Council agreed that Councilmember Graham will be the liaison with the Condemnation Board, the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, the Design Review Committee and the Historical Committee. Councilmember Lusk said he has had difficulty making Parks Board meetings. Council agreed that if Councilmember Lusk is not able to attend a Parks Board meeting, that Mayor Landrum will attend in his place.

### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the January 27, 2020 meeting.

### Other Business

Councilmember Lusk asked about the interconnect with the Walden's Ridge Utility District (WRUD). Mr. Veal said the WRUD Board will meet on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. and would like the Signal Mountain Town Council to attend to discuss this matter.

Councilmember Lusk asked about the status of the Town's water utility changing over to new meters. Mr. Veal said he is currently working on the issue.

Councilmember Lusk asked about the status of the vacation rental ordinance. Mr. Veal said staff is compiling a list of properties that offer short term rentals. He explained that the State requires the Town to obtain proof that these rentals have been paying the appropriate taxes but does not provide this information. Mr. Veal said staff have researched the necessary documentation and that packets will start be sent to property owners in the next week or so.

Mayor Landrum said that tonight's meeting is not being uploaded to YouTube as the software needs to be updated. He said he will have that completed prior to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



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Dan Landrum, Mayor



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Recorder